

Navy nominations beginning with Hector Acevedo and ending with Jay Zulueta, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 14, 2011.

Navy nominations beginning with Javier Araujo and ending with Raymond C. Yau, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 14, 2011.

Navy nominations beginning with Thomas T. Cook and ending with Leroy C. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 14, 2011.

Navy nominations beginning with Adnan S. Ahsan and ending with Rebecca L. Waldram, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 14, 2011.

Navy nominations beginning with Fabio O. Austria, Jr. and ending with Donna L. Smoak, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 14, 2011.

By Mrs. BOXER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

*Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 1586. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1587. A bill to enable States to opt out of the Medicaid expansion-related provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COBURN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1588. A bill to protect the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects administered by the Secretary of the Army, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1589. A bill to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 1590. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to develop a new classification system for small business size determinations and to promulgate rules to eliminate the nonmanufacturer exception to small business size determinations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 1591. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1592. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to expand eligibility for Farm Service Agency loans; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1593. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require State electronic benefit transfer contracts to treat wireless program retail food stores in the same manner as wired program retail food stores; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1594. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a conservation program under which the Secretary shall make payments to assist owners and operators of muck land to conserve and improve the soil, water, and wildlife resources of the land; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COATS, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1595. A bill to prohibit funding for the United Nations in the event the United Nations grants Palestine a change in status from a permanent observer entity before a comprehensive peace agreement has been reached with Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1596. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1597. A bill to provide assistance for the modernization, renovation, and repair of elementary school and secondary school buildings in public school districts and community colleges across the United States in order to support the achievement of improved educational outcomes in those schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1598. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent excessive speculation in commodity markets and excessive speculative position limits on energy contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 58

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 58, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes.

S. 89

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 89, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 102

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 102, a bill to provide an optional fast-track procedure the President may use when submitting rescission requests, and for other purposes.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 672

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 672, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes.

S. 996

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 996, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2016, and for other purposes.

S. 1025

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1025, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1048, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran, North Korea, and Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 1094

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr.